

**Board of Health
Tuesday, November 6, 2012
City Council Office**

Members Attending: J. Dethoff, J. Wong

Others Attending: R. Natale, S. Katzenmoyer, T. Coleman

Call to Order

Dr. Wong called the Board of Health meeting to order at 4:10pm.

Health Office Report

Mr. Natale stated that Dr. Hassel resigned effective October 31, 2012.

Dr. Wong questioned if employees received their flu shots. Mr. Natale stated that they had and that a contact through the City's EMS will be administering Hepatitis B shots to employees as necessary until a Health Officer is found. He stated that the Mayor's office is currently looking for a replacement.

Tattoo Parlor Ordinance Update

Dr. Dethoff stated that the Board had been reviewing a rough draft when there was a change in legal counsel. Mr. Coleman stated that he and Ms. Katzenmoyer reviewed this draft prior to this evening's meeting.

Dr. Dethoff suggested that Board members review the updated draft before the next meeting.

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that during her review she has two major issues. She stated that the regulations reference the Board as having authority to issue permits, etc. She questioned if that would be better suited to the Property Maintenance staff. Mr. Natale requested that staff handle applications, inspections, etc. These references should be removed.

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that the second issue is regarding the appeal process. She stated that the process should be consistent with other regulations. Mr. Natale agreed and stated that the appeal should be made to the Community Development Director or his designee. He suggested that there be no appeal fee for the City as many fees apply if the initial appeal is taken to the Court of Common Pleas.

Mr. Coleman stated that Ms. D'Auria's notes indicate that the Board had completed review of the regulations up to page 11 #12. He suggested that the Board begin its review at this section to continue moving forward.

Mr. Natale questioned if the Board still felt the need for these regulations. Dr. Wong stated that the need exists as tattoo and body piercings can be lethal if done incorrectly. Dr. Dethoff agreed and added that the City could be held liable if it knew about the dangers and that the issue was considered and dismissed. He stated that these items are more dangerous than ingestion.

Mr. Natale questioned if the Board felt it necessary to inspect the premises once or twice per year. Dr. Wong and Dr. Dethoff stated that once per year should be sufficient.

Mr. Natale stated that he has already spoken with several operators and they support the regulations.

Dr. Dethoff questioned if additional inspections could occur as necessary. Mr. Natale stated that they could if complaints are received about a facility.

Membership Update

Dr. Wong stated that he had two people interested but that he has not followed up as the Board has not had a meeting recently.

Dr. Dethoff questioned if the individuals were still interested in serving. Dr. Wong stated that he will follow up with them.

Dr. Dethoff questioned Ms. Rearden's status. Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that Ms. Rearden's term had expired and that she indicated that she would not be continuing to serve.

Mr. Natale suggested holding meetings during the business day at a local health dispensary to make meetings more accessible to health care staff.

Dr. Dethoff and Dr. Wong stated that they will follow up on potential new members.

Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that Mr. Webb was officially removed from the Board.

Dr. Dethoff stated that he will follow up with the Reading Health Dispensary and St. Joseph Hospital Community Campus and see if they will allow meeting space as a public service.

Dr. Wong suggested that staff at these locations may be Reading residents. He stated that he will follow up.

Ms. Katzenmoyer reminded the Board that pharmacists and veterinarians may also serve. She reminded all that the citizen at large position is now also vacant.

Next Meeting

Dr. Wong questioned the next meeting date. Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that evening meetings have become difficult due to staff's evening commitments. Dr. Dethoff stated that he will be able to make this date and time 99% of the time. Dr. Wong stated that Tuesdays work for his schedule.

Mr. Coleman suggested meeting quarterly. Dr. Dethoff agreed with quarterly meetings but stated that the Board needs to build momentum first and complete the tattoo regulations. Dr. Wong stated that the Board has been working on these regulations for a year.

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4 at 4 pm in the Penn Room.

*Respectfully submitted
Shelly Katzenmoyer
Deputy City Clerk*